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**Calcutta High Court
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Jurisdiction**

W.P.A. 392 of 2023

**Rupa Devi Thapa
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Debajit Kundu.
...For the Petitioner.**

**Mr. Subir Kumar Saha,
Mr. Pretom Das.
...For the State.**

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

The petitioner was an Assistant School Teacher who retired from service on 31.01.2007. The first Pension Payment Order was issued on 28.03.2007. Under the ROPA Rules, 2009 there was revision of the pension and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner. The revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 19.06.2013 and the arrear revised pension was disbursed on 29.10.2013 in terms of ROPA 2009. The petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of revised gratuity as also revised arrear pension.

The petitioner prays for interest on account of the delayed payment of the terminal benefits.

In the present case it is noticed that the petitioner has approached this Court long after the Pension Payment Order was issued and payment made in accordance with the same.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Union of India –vs- Tarsem Singh reported in (2008) 8 SCC 648 clearly laid down that in so far as consequential relief of recovery of arrear for a past period is concerned the relief shall be restricted only to a period of three years prior to the filing of the writ petition or from the date of demand made by the petitioner.

In the instant case the petitioner did not raise any demand before the respondents praying for release of interest on account of delay in making payment. The petitioner directly approached this Court praying for interest, that too, long after the PPO was issued.

In view of the above, the Court is not inclined to exercise jurisdiction in the matter and grant any relief in favour of the petitioner.

The writ petition is dismissed.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, as early as possible.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)